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, CBS EVENING NEWS (RATHER): SECRETARY KISSINGER, NEARING  
THE END OF HIS 6-NATION LATIN AMERICAN TOUR, TODAY WAS BURNED  
IN EFFIGY IN BOGOTA, COLOMBIA. AT LEAST 100 LEFTIST STUDENTS  
WHO ALSO BURNED AN AMERICAN FLAG, WERE ARRESTED. KISSINGER  
DID NOT SEE THE DEMONSTRATION AGAINST HIM; HE WAS MEETING  
WITH COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ, WHO WAS CRITICAL OF AN  
EARLIER AGREEMENT IN WHICH THE U.S., IN EFFECT, RECOGNIZES  
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BRAZIL AS THE LEADING LATIN AMERICAN POWER. ASKED ABOUT THAT  
ACCORD, LOPEZ SAID TODAY, 'COLOMBIA DOES NOT HAVE TO GO ON  
ITS KNEES BEFORE THE U.S. OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN LATIN  
AMERICA.'

NO MENTION OF KISSINGER TRIP ON ABC OR NBC.

MAGAZINES:

1. TIME, MARCH 1 ISSUE (NO BYLINE):  
DIPLOMACY SECTION, HEADLINED: 'DR. KISSINGER'S PILLS FOR  
LATIN AMERICA'

BEGIN SUMMARY: KISSINGER HAS NEVER PAID VERY MUCH ATTENTION  
TO LATIN AMERICA, AT LEAST NOT ENOUGH TO PLEASE LATIN  
LEADERS. ... LAST WEEK KISSINGER FINALLY GOT THE NEW  
DIALOGUE GOING ...

KISSINGER'S MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO PERSUADE LATIN AMERICANS  
THAT THE U.S. REALLY DOES CARE, BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS  
CONVINCED. ...

NONETHELESS, STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN SAYING  
KISSINGER HAS UNDERGONE A 'CHANGE OF PERCEPTION' ON LATIN  
AMERICA SINCE THE DAYS WHEN HE PUT THE REGION AT THE  
BOTTOM OF HIS LIST OF INTERNATIONAL PRIORITIES. HE HAS  
APPARENTLY COME TO FEEL THAT LATIN AMERICA'S PROBLEMS ARE AN  
IMPORTANT PART OF THE LARGER U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE  
THIRD WORLD. ...

THE KISSINGER TRIP, MOREOVER, COMES AT A TIME OF NEW  
IRRITATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA. THERE IS A FEELING IN THE  
AREA ... THAT CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE BRANCH QUARRELS IN  
WASHINGTON HAVE SET U.S. FOREIGN POLICY ADRIFT. MANY LATIN  
AMERICANS ARE ALSO WONDERING WHETHER THE U.S. WILL HELP IF  
CASTRO'S EXPEDITIONARY FORCES TRY TO REPEAT THEIR ANGOLA  
PERFORMANCE CLOSER TO HOME. THEN TOO, LAST WEEK'S TRIP  
CAME JUST AFTER DISCLOSURES OF ILLEGAL PAYOFFS IN LATIN  
AMERICA BY SUCH MULTINATIONAL GIANTS AS LOCKHEED, GULF AND  
OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM.

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ARRIVING IN VENEZUELA ON THE FIRST STOP OF HIS TOUR,  
KISSINGER LOST NO TIME OUTLINING A DETAILED AMERICAN PRO-  
GRAM FOR DEALING WITH THESE ISSUES. ...

ON NONECONOMIC ISSUES, KISSINGER PROMISED TO NEGOTIATE  
WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES ON A BASIS OF 'PARITY AND DIGNITY.  
THAT PRESUMABLY INCLUDES ONE OF THE TOUCHIEST PROBLEMS  
FACING THE U.S.: THE PANAMA CANAL. CONTINUING HIS GLOBAL

EFFORT TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA'S RELIABILITY,  
KISSINGER ALSO PLEDGED 'TO ENFORCE OUR COMMITMENT TO MUTUAL  
SECURITY ... AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD SEEK TO THREATEN  
INDEPENDENCE OR EXPORT VIOLENCE' - MEANING THE CUBANS. IN

FACT, IT WAS VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ WHO, IN HIS PRIVATE TALKS WITH KISSINGER, RAISED THE NEW 'HEMISPHERIC REALITY' OF CUBA'S ANGOLAN INTERVENTION. ... THE POSITIVE MOOD CONTINUED DURING THE SECRETARY'S STOP-OVER IN PERU, WHOSE LEFT-LEANING MILITARY GOVERNMENT ESPOUSES WHAT IT DESCRIBES AS 'REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST NATIONALISM.' ... HIS BASIC MESSAGE: THE U.S. DOES NOT OBJECT TO PERU'S PRO-THIRD WORLD POLICIES AND INVITES LIMA TO CONSULT REGULARLY WITH WASHINGTON 'TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN.' IN BRAZIL, THE SECRETARY APPRAISED THE COUNTRY AS A RELATIVELY ADVANCED SOCIETY THAT STILL TENDS TO SUPPORT THIRD WORLD DEMANDS AGAINST THE RICH NATIONS. ...

IT WOULD BE LOGICAL, IN KISSINGER'S VIEW, FOR BRAZIL TO BECOME THE SOUTHERN ANCHOR OF STABILITY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THIS POTENTIALLY KEY INTERNATIONAL ROLE, KISSINGER AND BRAZILIAN FM DA SILVEIRA SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ESTABLISHING TWICE-YEARLY TALKS ON SUCH MATTERS AS TRADE, TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE AND AID.

IN ALL, KISSINGER'S TRIP WAS AN IMPORTANT BOOST TO THE LATIN AMERICANS' SENSE OF THEIR OWN GROWING IMPORTANCE. BUT, AS SOME LOCAL OBSERVERS WERE QUICK TO POINT OUT, THE FAVORABLE MOOD WILL HAVE TO BE FOLLOWED BY CONCRETE ACTION. THEY PLACE EMPHASIS ON SUCH DIFFICULT ISSUES AS THE BEHAVIOR OF U.S. MULTINATIONALS, THE UNFAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE THAT MOST HEMISPHERE NATIONS HAVE WITH THE U.S.,  
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AND ACTUAL AID TO THE REGION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ...  
END TIME SUMMARY.

2. NEWSWEEK (NO BYLINE), MARCH 1 ISSUE: INTERNATIONAL SECTION, LATIN AMERICA SUBSECTION, HEADLINED: 'A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP'

BEGIN SUMMARY: ... KISSINGER HAS NEVER GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY TO LATIN AMERICA. LAST WEEK, HOPING TO MEND DIPLOMATIC FENCES, THE SECRETARY EMBARKED ON AN OFT-POSTPONED GOOD-WILL MISSION ...

OFFICIALLY, KISSINGER'S MESSAGE WAS THAT IT WAS TIME FOR BOTH YANKEES AND LATINS TO PUT ASIDE 'IDEOLOGY' AND 'RHETORIC' AND GET TO WORK ON PRACTICAL PROBLEMS. BUT KISSINGER'S REAL DISCLOSURE WAS THAT WASHINGTON HAD CHOSEN BRAZIL ... AS THE PRINCIPLE U.S. ALLY IN MAINTAINING PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

... IN BRASILIA, KISSINGER SALUTED BRAZIL AS A BUDDING WORLD POWER AND SPOKE OF BRAZILIANS AS 'A PEOPLE TAKING THEIR PLACE IN THE FRONT RANK OF NATIONS.' ... HE SIGNED A

FORMAL AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS  
... ON A WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS, INCLUDING TRADE, TECH-

NOLOGY AND POLITICAL ISSUES. AMONG LIKELY TOPICS" HOW  
TO CONTAIN THE POSSIBLE THREAT OF CUBAN TROOPS BEING USED TO  
'EXPORT' CASTRO'S REVOLUTION TO OTHER LATIN AMERICAN  
COUNTRIES.

NOT ALL OF BRAZIL'S NEIGHBORS WERE PLEASED WITH THE NEW  
WASHINGTON-BRASILIA AXIS. ... ANTICIPATING ADVERSE  
REACTIONS, U.S. OFFICIALS INSISTED LAST WEEK THAT  
WASHINGTON HAD NO INTENTION OF MAKING BRAZIL ITS SURROGATE  
FOR MAINTAINING U.S. INFLUENCE IN THE HEMISPHERE. NONETHE-  
LESS, KISSINGER SEEMED TO HAVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN  
MIND. THE SECRETARY CLEARLY WANTED TO WOO BRAZIL AWAY  
FROM ITS IDENTIFICATION WITH THE THIRD WORLD. HE HOPED  
BRAZIL WOULD BECOME, IN EFFECT, A STABLE PARTNER OF AMERICAN  
STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN A TURBULENT AREA OF THE WORLD TO  
WHICH THE U.S. HAS NEVER PAID VERY MUCH ATTENTION.  
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END NEWSWEEK SUMMARY.

WIRES

, PI (WALTE FROM BOGOTA); KISSINGER COMPLETED TALKS  
WITH COLOMBIAN LEADERS MONDAY AS LEFTIST STUDENTS BURNED  
HIM IN EFFIGY AND SHOUTED 'DOWN WITH KISSINGER.'

KISSINGER DID NOT SEE THE DISTURBANCES. HE SPENT MOST OF  
THE DAY AT COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ' RANCH 30 MILES NORTH  
OF BOGOTA.

LOPEZ EXPRESSED APPREHENSION ABOUT THE HEMISPHERIC AGREE-  
MENT THE U.S HAS JUST SIGNED WITH BRAZIL.

KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH LOPEZ AND OTHER COLOMBIAN LEADERS  
BEFORE LEAVING FOR COSTA RICA.

ABOUT 1,000 SOLDIERS AND RIOT POLICE ENTERED THE NATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TO EVICT DEMONSTRATING STUDENTS, IN SOME  
CASES DRAGGING THEM OUT BY THE HAIR.

THE STUDENTS, WHO ALSO BURNED A U.S. FLAG AT THE UNIVER-  
SITY, TRIED TO REPEL THE POLICE ACTION WITH A BARRAGE OF  
ROCKS.

AN OFFICER AT THE SCENE SAID AT LEAST 100 STUDENTS WERE  
ARRESTED AND SIX LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE INJURED.

IN MIDEILLIN, COLOMBIA'S SECOND LARGEST CITY, POLICE SAID  
2,000 STUDENTS CONCENTRATED ON THAT CITY'S UNIVERSITY, SOME

CARRYING AMERICAN FLAGS.

SHORTLY BEFORE KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE, LOPEZ SAID COLOMBIA WAS PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA AS SOON AS IT WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GOVERNMENT.

ASKED FOR CUBA'S INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA, LOPEZ SAID, 'THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME A COUNTRY IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE HAS INTERVENED OUTSIDE THE AMERICAS.' ASKED WHETHER HE UNCLASSIFIED

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MEANT THE UNITED STATES, HE SAID, 'I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU.'

LOPEZ, ASKED ABOUT THE U.S.-BRAZILIAN ACCORD, SAID: 'COLOMBIA DOES NOT HAVE TO GO ON ITS KNEES BEFORE THE UNITED STATES OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA.'

BUT HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE AGREEMENT. ... THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY THE U.S. IN BRASILIA LAST THURSDAY HAS ALREADY BEEN CRITICIZED IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN CAPITOLS, ESPECIALLY CARACAS AND MEXICO CITY.

LATER, FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO TOLD KISSINGER AT A LUNCHEON AT THE U.S. EMBASSY RESIDENCE THAT UNLESS THERE IS AN IN-DEPTH REFORM OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM, LATIN AMERICANS WILL BELIEVE THAT 'NO IMPORTANCE IS ANY LONGER ATTACHED TO HEMISPHERE COOPERATION IN THE COMPLEX BALANCE OF A WORLD AND TIME IN WHICH THERE IS A PROLIFERATION OF POLITICAL CENTERS COMPETING FOR POWER AND ATTRACTION.'

DURING THE EMBASSY LUNCHEON, LIEVANO TOLD KISSINGER THAT LATIN AMERICA FEELS NEGLECTED AND FORGOTTEN BY THE U.S. HE SAID, COLOMBIA, FOR ONE, DISAGREES WITH THOSE WHO THINK LATIN AMERICA 'HAS ALREADY ACQUIRED ENOUGH STABILITY TO WARRANT IGNORING ITS EVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES AND ITS SOCIAL TENSION.'

2. AP (FREED FROM BOGOTA): RADICAL COLOMBIAN STUDENTS BURNED HENRY KISSINGER IN EFFIGY AND SET FIRE TO AMERICAN FLAGS TODAY. PRESIDENT LOPEZ TOLD THE SECRETARY OF STATE 'WE HAVE GOOD RELATIONS AND NO REAL DIFFERENCES' WITH THE U.S.

MILITARY POLICE OCCUPIED THE COUNTRY'S LARGEST UNIVERSITY CAMPUS TO BREAK UP THE DEMONSTRATION BY STUDENTS PROTESTING THE KISSINGER VISIT TO COLOMBIA. WITNESSES REPORTED SEVERAL ARRESTS.

FOLLOWING HIS 22-HOUR STAY IN COLOMBIA, KISSINGER TOOK OFF FOR CENTRAL AMERICA TO BEGIN A VISIT TO COSTA RICA.

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DEMONSTRATIONS BROUGHT OUT THE BIGGEST MILITARY SECURITY FORCE COLOMBIA HAS EVER MOBILIZED FOR A FOREIGN VISITOR.

WITH KISSINGER SEATED BESIDE HIM, LOPEZ -- IN A POINTED REFERENCE TO THE U.S. -- SAID CUBA IS NOT THE ONLY WESTERN HEMISPHERE NATION TO INTERVENE IN AFFAIRS OUTSIDE OF THE AMERICAS.

A COLOMBIAN OFFICIAL SAID LATER THE PRESIDENT WAS REFERRING TO THE U.S. IN VIETNAM.

KISSINGER MAINTAINED A STONY EXPRESSION DURING LOPEZ' REMARK, WHICH CAME WHEN A REPORTER ASKED IF COLOMBIA CONSIDERED CUBA A THREAT BECAUSE OF ITS INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.

KISSINGER WAS ALSO SILENT WHEN LOPEZ SAID 'SOONER OR LATER' COLOMBIA WILL RECOGNIZE THE CUBAN-AND SOVIET-BACKED MPLA REGIME IN ANGOLA.

THE COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT ALSO SAID 'THE DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN A GOOD ONE ... WE HAVE GOOD RELATIONS AND NO REAL DIFFERENCES.'

WHEN IT COMES TO THE UNITED STATES, LOPEZ SAID, 'WE DO NOT NEED TO BOAST ABOUT INDEPENDENCE OR SERVITUDE.' ONE REASON FOR THE GOOD RELATIONSHIP, HE SAID, IS THAT THERE IS LESS U.S. INVESTMENT IN COLOMBIA THAN IN OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, AND THE LAST TIME COLOMBIA NATIONALIZED AMERICAN PROPERTY WAS WHEN IT TOOK OVER THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM 40 YEARS AGO.

3. REUTERS (NELSON FROM BOGOTA:) KISSINGER TODAY SAID HE SAW THE NIXON VISIT TO CHINA AS A SIGN FROM PEKING THAT DESPITE INTERNAL CHANGES THERE, SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WERE NOT TO BE AFFECTED.

THE SECRETARY ALSO REJECTED INTERPRETATIONS OF STATEMENTS MADE IN PEKING BY NIXON WHICH VIEWED THEM AS CRITICAL OF POLICIES BEING FOLLOWED BY PRESIDENT FORD.

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SPEAKING TO REPORTERS, KISSINGER SAID: 'I HAVE READ THE ENTIRE TEXT OF MR. NIXON'S QUOTES AND THERE IS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR INTERPRETING THOSE REMARKS AS A SLAP AT DETENTE OR ME PERSONALLY.'

MEANWHILE, COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ TODAY GAVE THE SECRETARY HIS FIRST REBUFF OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR BY REFUSING TO CONDEMN THE CUBAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. WITH KISSINGER SITTING BESIDE HIM AT HIS COUNTRY RESIDENCE, LOPEZ RESPONDED WITH A GENTLE BARB WHEN A REPORTER ASKED HIM WHETHER HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

'THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME ONE OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE HEMISPHERE HAS INTERVENED OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE,' HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HE WAS REFERRING TO THE U.S. ROLE IN VIETNAM, HE SAID, 'I LEAVE IT TO YOU.'

ON CHINA, KISSINGER SAID HE THOUGH NIXON'S REMARKS WERE SIMPLY SAYING THAT THE SIGNING OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE IN 1972 DID NOT END THE DIPLOMATIC PROCESS OF IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

HE SAID HE THOUGHT AT FIRST PEKING HAD INVITED NIXON TO 'NEEDLE THE FORD ADMINISTRATION' FOR ITS SLOWNESS IN FOLLOWING THAT AGREEMENT UP.

NOW, HE SAID, HE THOUGHT THE INVITATION WAS 'A CHINESE ATTEMPT TO SIGNAL THE U.S. IN AN UNOFFICIAL WAY THAT DESPITE WHAT IS HAPPENING DOMESTICALLY IN CHINA, U.S.-CHINESE RELATIONS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.'

ON LATIN AMERICA, KISSINGER STRESSED THAT HE HAS NOT BEEN SEEKING TO LINE UP OPINION AGAINST CUBA DURING HIS TOUR.

BUT HE HAS ALSO SAID THAT UP TO TODAY, LATIN AMERICAN OFFICIALS HAVE GENERALLY SHARED U.S. CONCERN OVER CUBA'S SENDING SOLDIERS TO ANGOLA.

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LOPEZ SAID COLOMBIA INTENDED TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE CUBAN-BACKED MPLA.

COLOMBIAN POLICE TODAY BROKE UP DEMONSTRATIONS BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS PROTESTING THE KISSINGER VISIT.

POLICE SURROUNDING THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY HERE AFTER CHARGING STUDENTS THREW STONES AT THEM, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID. THE STUDENTS THEN BURNED EFFIGIES OF KISSINGER INSIDE THE CAMPUS.

IN MEDELLIN, STUDENTS ALSO BURNED EFFIGIES OF KISSINGER AND TWO AMERICAN FLAGS AFTER POLICE BROKE UP A DEMON-

STRATION. NO ARRESTS OR INJURIES WERE REPORTED.

THE STUDENTS STAGED SIMILAR DEMONSTRATIONS ON SATURDAY,  
THE EVE OF KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL.

THOUSANDS OF TROOPS WITH MACHINE GUNS WERE DEPLOYED  
THROUGHOUT BOGOTA TO PREVENT STUDENT CLASHES.

MEANWHILE, KISSINGER LOOKED PUZZLED TODAY WHEN TOLD THAT  
NIXON HAD MADE A STATEMENT IN PEKING THAT APPEARED TO  
CRITICIZE DETENTE.

NIXON, NOW ON A VISIT TO THE CHINESE CAPITOL, TOLD A  
BANQUET AUDIENCE THERE LAST NIGHT THAT IT WAS NAIVE TO  
BELIEVE MERELY SIGNING AN AGREEMENT WOULD BRING INSTANT  
AND LASTING PEACE. THIS WAS AN APPARENT REFERENCE TO  
LAST YEAR'S EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI.

ADVISED OF THE STATEMENT TODAY, KISSINGER SAID: 'HE'S  
SIGNED ENOUGH PRINCIPLES HIMSELF.'

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